



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Superintendents and Charter School Sponsors

FROM: Dre' Knox, Coordinator of Integrated Services

DATE: November 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Release of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) 2009 Application

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) would like to announce the release of the 2009 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant application. The primary purpose of the program is to award grants to public school districts, community-based organizations, public/private organizations, faith-based organizations, or a consortium of these organizations, in order to provide communities opportunities to establish or expand community learning centers that provide students, particularly students in high-poverty, low-performing schools, with academic enrichment opportunities to meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics along with activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program.

The closing date of the application is **Friday, February 12, 2010**. Applications must be received or postmarked by that date to be eligible for review. IDOE requires applicants to submit 1 original and 5 copies of each application. An expert panel will review applications based on selection criteria listed within the application. We anticipate that awards will be announced on or around **April 1, 2010**.

The application contains all of the information, forms, and instructions necessary to apply for a grant under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. The Intent to Apply form can be located on page 3 of the application. Please send this information to IDOE **no later than January 15, 2010**. We recommend a review of the application checklist and grant requirements located on page 33 to ensure that your submission is complete.

IDOE will be offering 2 technical assistance workshops for grant applicants. The first workshop will be held at the Hilton Indianapolis North on **December 3, 2009**. Registration is required for the on-site workshop. Download the registration form on the 21st CCLC website. The second workshop will be offered via online webinar on **January 13, 2010**. Instructions to participate in the webinar can also be found on the 21st CCLC website at www.doe.in.gov/21stCCLC

IDOE strongly encourages applicants to consult extensively within their communities to ensure that parents, community organizations, faith-based organizations, colleges/universities, business, arts and cultural organizations and other youth development agencies can work in meaningful collaboration with schools to become 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Please plan to attend one of the technical assistance workshops. If you need additional information concerning the program or application process, please feel free to contact Dre' Knox at dknox@doe.in.gov or Emily Garoffolo at egaroffo@doe.in.gov